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## ❖ From Ye Ole Editor's Desk ❖

Fifty Years ago this month Scrip Talk was born, the brainchild of Walter Caldwell of Fayetteville, West Virginia. But, don't be confused, it would be another 7 years before the birth of the NCSA!

Scrip collecting was in its infancy and collectors were few. No books from which to research tokens, or to use as a checklist by collectors existed. Walter, born and raised in the heart of West Virginia coal country, knew of scrip firsthand, and it was from his love of history and interest in coins that spawned his inevitable interest in coal scrip. In an effort to bring folks with similar collecting interests together, Walter published his first issue of "Scrip Talk" in December, 1965.

Walter kept meticulous records of Scrip Talk issues over the years, putting the collection of issues in thick binders for posterity. Walter's niece honored me by presenting me with those binders and all the issues kept by Walter therein.

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## Letter from the President

Has everyone survived the Holidays? Did Santa bring any of you any really good scrip you needed for your collection? I sure hope so, and more importantly, I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas, or a Happy Hanukkah, and the NSCA leadership wishes all of you a Happy New Year!

Thanks are again due Don Clifford(Charleston, WVA) for hosting the Fall Scrip Show in Charleston, November 7. Garrett thinks that we had about 50-60 in attendance, but with the Charleston Coin Club meeting next door, it was sometimes difficult to keep tabs. Bill Fugera flying in from Southern California easily qualified as the member traveling the furthest, and his Grandson, Ryan Ruyle, age 12, of Downingtown, Pennsylvania(in attendance to manage his Granddaddy's conduct)was easily our youngest scrip collector present! Thanks again Don Clifford!

We did manage to conduct a brief bizness meeting, and several committees were appointed"

(1) Awards. Dick Wohlgemuth (Louisville)will be seeking your recommendations for members deserving of recognition by the NSCA, so give it some thought, and pass along your ideas;

(2) Meetings. I have asked Garrett Salyers to work with Dennis Poland(Knoxville), Patsy Thacker(Haysi, Va.)and Frank Sutton(Williamsburg, KY)to make recommendations for meeting locations, host(s) and arrangements for a Spring Meeting somewhere in West Virginia(thus returning to our traditional meeting schedule), and a Fall Show somewhere in Southern Appalachia. If you wanna help, give me or Garrett a shout;

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(3) Nominations. I have asked Doug Tolley(Beckley) to Chair a committee with Billy Campbell (Madison, AL)and Garrett Salyers(Olive Hill, KY) to recruit and nominate folks to serve as our officers for the 2017-2018 term, and we earnestly solicit YOUR ideas, and a willingness to serve;

(4) Publications. I have asked Dave Schenkman(La Plata, MD) to Chair a committee to analyze our club's entire publications scene, i.e., our current inventory , sales, marketing, etc., and to make recommendations for our future printing(including an editor(s), and to also provide support for, make recommendations for strengthening Kevin Andersen's work at Scrip Talk, and more importantly, for our website. Eric Schena(Cross Junction, VA) and Billy Campbell will work with Dave; and

(5) Publicity. Eric Schena, a new NSCA member, but an experienced token collector, and an Ingle authority has stepped up offering to help us seek improved publicity for scrip collecting among numismatists and others, and to assist in the enhancement of our website. Eric will welcome your ideas, and your willingness to help.

I was amazed to open eBay the other night and find nearly 1,200 offerings of scrip and tokens for sale! This hasta signal an increased level of interest in our hobby, so how do we get ALL of these folks, sellers and buyers, to fill out a NSCA membership application?!

*Steve*

**Is it . . . ?**



Send your dues renewal to:

Garrett Salyers, NSCA *Secretary*  
86 McKenzie Lane  
Olive Hill, Ky. 41164

This archive of Scrip Talks is complete, from 1965 through 1994, save the first page of the first issue. Walter noted in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue he published that the first page of Issue No. 1 was at that time missing, so if anyone out there has the complete Issue #1, let me hear from you! I would like to get a scan of it.

In this Special Edition issue we'll revisit the history of Scrip Talk, as well as lots of new material! For some it will be a stroll down memory lane, for others it will be somewhat of an historical study. Regardless of whether you're an old hand at scrip collecting or a relative newcomer, enjoy this issue and feel free to share your comments!

Also, see my offer for your opportunity to purchase a DVD containing scans of all Scrip Talk issues from 1965 through 1994!

Keep me posted! **Kevin**

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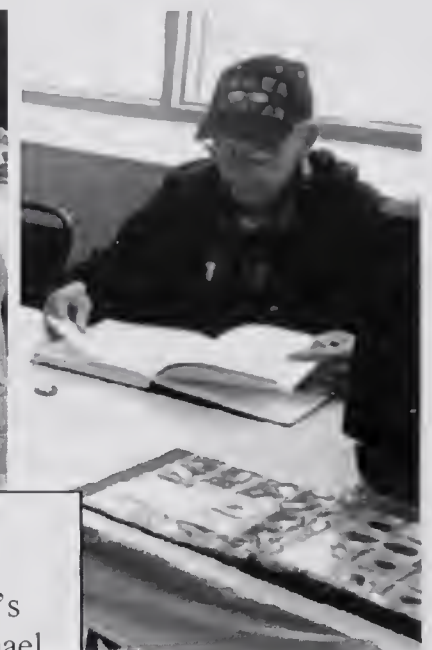
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Upper left: Ryan Ruyle, our youngest collector and grandson of Bill Fugera (standing) are shopping at Doug Tolley's bourse table. Ryan and his brother, Michael (above), show how wheel'n and deal'n is really done! Tom Perry (left) at his bourse table ready for some serious trad'n.

Here's just a sampling of some scenes from the Fall Show in Charleston, West Virginia, on November 7, 2015.  
Were you there?



Garret Salyers and Lynn Ours playing "Let's Make a Deal" (above), while Jim Singleton and Jack Chapman (below) work on some trades of their own.



Patsy and Fennie Thacker (above), a regular team fixture at scrip shows, are at their table offering everything from scrip to scrip books. Check out Steve Cawood's "Ole Timers" article on the next page that features this dynamic duo!



## *“Ole Timers”*

By Steve Cawood

*(This is a continuing series of interviews with long-time NSCA members.)*

This edition's Ole Timer is actually two, though most of us have trouble thinking of either one of them without calling to mind the couple: Fennie and Patsy Thacker. Fittingly, this wonderful couple were made one some 52 years ago, just in time for the Inaugural issue of Scrip Talk, and the formation of the National Scrip Collectors Association(NSCA).

Raymon Fennie Thacker grew up in the coal towns of Dickenson and Buchanan County, Virginia, the son of a hard-working coal miner and logger. His better half, Patsy Jean Perrigan Thacker, grew up on a mountain-top farm on Backbone Ridge, a few miles from her present-day home near Haysi, the daughter of another coal miner. Husband and wife were thus raised with scrip in their households.

Fennie began work in a small “truck mine” near home for several years, and then graduated to the mammoth operations of the Clinchfield Coal Company for ten or twelve years, before becoming a mine inspector with the Virginia Division of Mines, where he logged another 23 years underground before retiring to his present day job as a peddler of scrip and assorted other absolutely essential goods.

Patsy devoted herself to raising the couple's two fine daughters, Rhonda Gail, who lives in Hickory, North Carolina, and Pamela Rose, closer by in Clintwood(near Dr. Ralph Stanley!), and each of the girls have given their parents two grandchildren to dote upon whenever possible.

Fennie had become “interested in” scrip in the mid-sixties, but did not learn that there were others so afflicted who had formed a club around scrip until 1981, when he drove over the mountains to attend his first NSCA meeting at Berea, Kentucky, and joined up. From that Berea meeting forward, I believe that the Thackers have set a record, for since then, Fennie has not missed a single meeting in 35 years(70+ shows!), and Patsy has only missed two since her first show in Beckley, WV in 1982!!! What amazing loyalty to our club!

Patsy is a “scatter tag” collector, and her fantastic collection is no doubt in top two or three. Oddly, Fennie(who once had one of the best collections of Virginia coal and lumber scrip, though only a couple pieces from Wm. Ritter Lumber, where his Dad worked as a logger!)just enjoys buying, trading and selling scrip, tokens and mining paraphernalia of all sorts, and, of course, helping Miss Patsy gather her scatter tags. But being one of the nation's larger scrip dealers, as well as the NSCA's book seller,the couple's sales take them around the region with shows of the NSCA, NATCA, the Mining Artifact Club, as well as the large antique shows at Morristown, and at Gray, Tennessee. True peddlers!

Asked what we need most in the NSCA, like everyone else they point out the need for attracting more young people.

Asked what they value most about our club, Fennie quickly responded that it is their “buddies”, the friendships they have enjoyed making with weekend meetings and dinners, reminiscing and swappin' stories(and some scrip), events that have spanned the last 50 years. AMEN Fennie, me too! Let's all toast Fennie an' Patsy, two of the nicest people to ever grace our membership rolls!



## **RECENT EBAY SALES-** **December, 2015**

By Bill Fugera

The Powhatan Mining Co., Powhatan, Point, Ohio,  
2273, A10, -----\$48.55

The Powhatan Mining Co., Powhatan Point, Ohio,  
2273, A100, -----\$41.00

The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Dehue, WV., 763,  
H1, -----\$78.00

The American Rolling Mill Co., Nellis, WV., 2043,  
A50, ----- \$102.49

Wilmoth Supply Co., Kingwood, WV., 1527, F25, --  
\$50.28

Royal Coal Co., Royal, WV., 2473, A25, ----- \$159.00

Royal Coal Co., Royal, WV., 2473, A50, ----- \$106.00

Royal Coal Co., Royal, WV., 2473, A500, ----- 92.48

Leckie Firecreek Coal Co., Fireco, WV., 1021, D25, ---  
-- \$61.50

New River Co., Harvey, WV., 1253, E500, -----  
\$138.50

Deitz Colliery, Wyndal, WV., 3107, B500, ----- \$65.05

Hump Mountain Smokeless Coal Co., Humoco, WV.,  
1369, A100, ----- \$81.50

Blossburg Coal Co., Arnot, Pa., 115, A5, ----- \$75.37

Southwestern Mercantile Company, Dawson, New  
Mexico, 751, A5a, ----- \$130.21

Southwestern Mercantile Company, Dawson, New  
Mexico, 751, B10, ----- \$70.71

American Eagle Colliery, Ameagle, WV., 77, D25, ---  
- \$523.71 (UL)

Boomer Coal & Coke Co., Boomer, WV., 337, A10, --  
--- \$79.60

F. K. Lowes Meat Market, Monongah, WV., 1943, D5,  
----- \$84.71

Efforts are underway to update the last edition of the Trantow Lumber book. This effort was started by Garret Salyers and handed over to Dick Wohlgemuth upon his retirement. Most new additions are coming from "Ebay" listings which most of the time have incomplete data. It appears there is more unlisted lumber scrip than listed!

We ask that any NSCA members who have unlisted scrip, send information to Dick Wohlgemuth, [dwpanzer@aol.com](mailto:dwpanzer@aol.com) or cell 502-724-5316 (text).

PLEASE include the following information-Name of town and state. Obverse-Include breaks in writings by using / between lines, reverse-include breaks, metal type, size (in mm), shape, is there a cutout?, If attribution as Lumber scrip is not obvious, ex-John Doe Lumber Co, please relate how it was determined to be lumber (Dunn & Bradstreet, company records, historical records, etc.) With the help of NSCA members we can collect more accurate data in updating the Trantow 2nd Ed.

Also-if anyone could help in setting up a program or spreadsheet to collect information, please contact Dick about this also.



### THE EARLIEST WEST VIRGINIA COAL TOKEN?

Recently I received an email asking if I knew which West Virginia coal token was the earliest. The short answer was “no, I don’t.” Having said that, a couple of likely candidates came to mind immediately. One is the embossed shell card issued by the Crescent Coal & Salt Company of West Columbia (WV 2984-A). This unusual token, which I discussed in a previous column, was probably issued during the 1870s.

A more likely candidate is the hard rubber token issued by the Enterprise Coal Company of Enterprise (WV 951-B). Although I have been unable to learn much about this company, I did find reference to it in the *Centennial Catalogue of the International Exhibition of 1876*, where “Enterprise Coal Co., Kanawha County,” is listed as an exhibitor in the West Virginia State Building. It is interesting to note that the county given is Kanawha. The scrip catalog lists the token at Harrison County. I haven’t been able to find a reference to a town by the name in Kanawha County, but who knows?

In the new catalog the composition of the token is described as vulcanite, which is a misnomer; hard rubber is the correct term. The vulcanization (curing) process was patented by Charles Goodyear and the final product is somewhat flexible, like the tires on your car. On May 6, 1851 Charles’ younger brother, Nelson, invented the process by which hard rubber tokens were made. The patent papers say, in

conclusion, “I do not claim the heating or ‘curing’ process, as it is termed, that having been patented by Charles Goodyear. What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is –1. The combining of India-rubber and Sulphur, either with or without shellac, for making a hard and inflexible substance hitherto unknown, substantially as herein set forth. 2. The combining of India-rubber, Sulphur, and magnesia or of lime, either with or without shellac, for making a hard and inflexible substance hitherto unknown, substantially as herein set forth.”

The Enterprise Coal Company token was manufactured by the Novelty Rubber Company of New York City. This company started producing goods made of hard rubber during the 1850s. It is generally thought that no hard rubber tokens were produced prior to 1860, although some were issued during the Civil War years. Novelty Rubber

Company utilized an easily recognizable reverse design, with the denomination within a circle. The tokens of the Fall Brook Coal Company (PA 95-A) have this type reverse, as do those manufactured for a few non-coal merchants. The common denominator is the fact that the ones I have been able to research were all in business during the 1860s. This suggests the likelihood that the Enterprise token is also from that era.





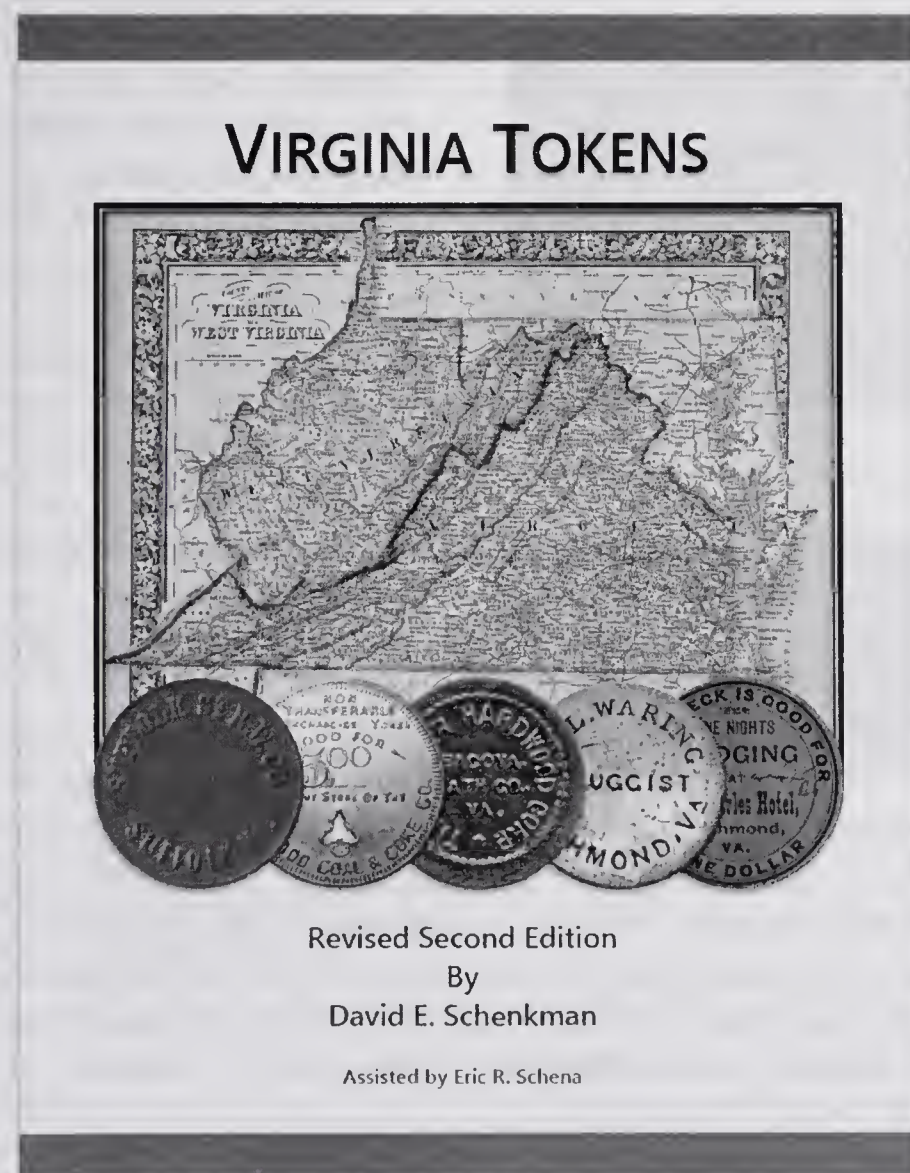
To advertise its business, the Novelty Rubber Company also issued hard rubber tokens with this reverse design. The obverse of these tokens also has the number within a circle, with NOVELTY RUBBER CO. / GOODYEARS PAT. MAY 6. 1851. around it.

As you can see, there are unanswered questions concerning the Enterprise Coal Company. It should be noted that a business by the same name, with principal office at Charleston, was incorporated in 1891; this is obviously a different company. Interestingly, a business by the name of Enterprise Coal and Iron Company was incorporated in West Virginia on April 3, 1875. And, on May 19, 1875, Enterprise Salt Company, located at Burning Spring Furnace in Kanawha County was incorporated "for the purpose of mining coal, manufacturing sale and keeping a store of general merchandise in connection therewith."

Thanks to Kevin Andersen, Donald Clifford, and Eric Schena, who took time to answer my question regarding the location of Enterprise.



## VNA Releases Second Edition of David Schenkman's Catalog on Virginia Tokens



In 1980, David Schenkman's *Virginia Tokens* was the first work to document the trade tokens from the Commonwealth and helped set the standard for state token catalogs nationwide. Now, thirty-five years later, the second revised edition is ready. Tokens in Virginia have a long and distinguished history and offer the exnumist a wide spectrum of specialties. From Hard Times store cards, transportation tokens dating back to the 1860s, coal scrip, to trade tokens and picker's checks, *Virginia Tokens* seeks to document the many varied aspects of exnumia throughout the state in a convenient and easy to use format. With nearly 6,000 different tokens listed from roughly 2,250 different merchants located in approximately 770 towns, the new 2015 revision more than doubles the number of known listings from the original catalog. The revised second edition includes an expanded introduction that features a history of tokens in Virginia, as well as details on several of the principal token manufacturers. In addition, tips on collecting will benefit both long-time specialists as well as novices to the field. The catalog also features hundreds of full color



illustrations throughout of not only the tokens but also related images that add to the historical interest and flavor of the pieces. Rounding out the book is a comprehensive index of merchants that will help collectors to quickly identify mavericks.

Here is a Sample Page

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L5-5	B	similar to last, but denomination 5 brass, 21mm
L5-10	B	similar to last, but denomination 10 brass, 21mm
L5-25	B	F. C. LOCKRIDGE & BRO. / McDOWELL, / VA. GOOD FOR / 25 / IN MERCHANDISE. brass, 21mm
L5-50	B	F. C. LOCKRIDGE & BRO. / McDOWELL, / VA. GOOD FOR / 50 / IN / MERCHANDISE brass, 21mm
L5-100	B	similar to last, but denomination 100 brass, 21mm
L5-500	B	similar to last, but denomination 500 brass, 21mm Circa 1910; this was a general store.
MS-5	B	Wm. M. McNULTY / GOOD IN / MERCHANDISE / McDOWELL, VA. 5 (within circle of rays) aluminum, 24mm
MS-10	B	similar to last, but denomination 10 aluminum, 24mm
MS-25	B	similar to last, but denomination 25 aluminum, 24mm
MS-50	B	similar to last, but denomination 50 aluminum, 24mm McNulty Brothers operated a general store from around 1902 to the 1920s.

**McGAHEYSVILLE (Rockingham County) M5310**

B5-5	C	C. A. BAUCHER (name incuse) / McGAHEYSVILLE, VA. GOOD FOR / 5 / IN / MERCHANDISE aluminum, 17mm
D5-1	B	N. WILSON DAVIS / McGAHEYSVILLE / VA. GOOD FOR / 1 / IN / MERCHANDISE aluminum, square, ???
D5-5	B	similar to last, but denomination 5 aluminum, square, 20mm
D5-10	B	similar to last, but denomination 10 aluminum, 23mm Directories of the 1920s list Davis as owner of a general store.



McNulty's store, 2008



In addition to *Virginia Tokens*, David E. Schenkman has authored seven other token catalogs including *Merchant Tokens of Washington, D.C.*, *Maryland Merchant Tokens*, and recently in 2009 *West Virginia Merchant Tokens*, all of which have become standard works. Schenkman has been a prolific writer throughout his numismatic career, serving as editor of the Token and Medal Society's *TAMS Journal* from 1982 to 2010, a task that included editing all the books published by that organization during that time. The second edition of *Virginia Tokens* continues in this fine tradition of groundbreaking research and will no doubt become an influential work on merchant tokens for years to come.

The catalog was successfully released at the Virginia Numismatic

Association's 57<sup>th</sup> Convention & Coin Show held September 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center in Fredericksburg, Virginia. In addition to its enthusiastic reception by convention attendees, *Virginia Tokens* is now available for sale through the VNA. The book is priced at \$75 with a discount for VNA members. For more information on the Convention and book ordering, please contact the Virginia Numismatic Association or visit VNA's website at <http://www.vnaonline.org/>.



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

NSCA president Steve Cawood has asked me to be chairman of a publications committee to oversee additions and corrections to the new non-West Virginia book. Two well qualified collectors, Garrett Salyers and Eric Schena, have agreed to serve with me on the committee. Our first task is to purge the catalog of tokens that don't belong. Following is the initial list of tokens we intend to delete. Most of them are issues of retail coal dealers, and have nothing to do with mining.

Your comments will be welcome. I can be contacted at [dschenkman@verizon.net](mailto:dschenkman@verizon.net).

David E. Schenkman

### ALABAMA

MX1 Chambliss Coal & Grocery Co.  
MX3 Marine Coal Co.

### ARKANSAS

MX1 Camden Ice & Coal Co.

### FLORIDA

MX1 Florida Ice & Coal Co.  
MX2 TheWarrier Co.

### GEORGIA

MX1 Lucky-Dykes Coal Co.

### IDAHO

420A Curry Mercantile Co.  
MX1 Train Lumber & Coal Co.  
MX2 Miller Bros.  
MX3 Millers Bros. Co.

### INDIANA

MX1 Indianapolis Mortar & Fuel Co.  
MX2-4 Local Coal Co.

### IOWA

MX1-3 Central Park Fuel Co.  
MX4 Behrens Coal Co.  
MX5 E. E. Pinney Coal Co.  
MX6 Peoples Fuel Co.  
MX7' Riverside Fuel Co.  
MX8 Eureka Coal Co.

### KANSAS

MX1 Shellenberger&Dubbs

### KENTUCKY

MX4,6 T. Shiver & Bro.

### LOUISIANA

MX1 Haydel Mercantile Co. Inc.

### MINNESOTA

MX1 Cokato Farmers Merc't.Assn.

### MISSISSIPPI

MX1 De Voto's Coal & Transfer Co.  
MX2 W. W. Willis

### MISSOURI

MX1 J. L. Anderson

### MONTANA

MX1 Presherns Bar, Camp No. 3

### NEBRASKA

MX1 C. F. Madsen  
MX2 Miille& Barnes

### NEW JERSEY

MX1 Roebling Coal Co. Inc.

### OHIO

MX3 Avery Coal Co.  
MX4 Washington Fuel Co.  
MX5 S. E. Van Vleck  
MX6 Peckman Coal & Ice Co.

### OKLAHOMA

MX1 Sippes Coal Co.

### PENNSYLVANIA

MX1 C. W. Jackson  
MX2 Raman Beneficial Association

### TENNESSEE

MX2 Rudolph Coal Co.  
MX3 W. N. Coal & Ice Co.  
MX5 City Coal & Coke Co.  
MX6 D. B. Andrews

### TEXAS

MX1 F W C C  
MX3 McKinney Ice, Light & Coal Co.  
MX5 Ivy Ice & Coal Co.  
MX7 Penniman& Scripture

### UTAH

MX3 Simpson & Pitt  
MX4 Eagle Coal Co.

### WASHINGTON

MX1 S.

### MAVERICKS

MAV4 Independent Ice & Coal Co.  
MAV6 Manhattan  
MAV12 City Ice & Fuel Co.  
MAV14 S. G.  
MAV16 Maurice Wender  
MAV17 Thompson  
MAV18 Union Sol. Corp.





# **New Finds!**

LICK BRANCH, KENTUCKY, 1627, HARLAN  
Three Point / Coal Co. / Lick Branch, Ky.,  
Bi 29mm OcSd B50  
Good For/ 50 / In Merchandise

WALLINS, KENTUCKY , 2929, HARLAN  
Wallins Creek / Coal / Co. / Incorporated / Wallins, Ky.  
Bi 23mm Rd Sd L10  
Good For / 10 / In Merchandise Only

Note from Garrett-- Clemons Coal Co. Clemons ,Ky, Book shows line break between Coal and Co. on obverse.Should be none.

**\*\*These New Finds were reported by New Finds Editor Bill Fugera.**  
**Stay tuned as there will be more to come in future issues! Better yet, why not add some yourself!**

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KAYMOOR, WV 1481 (Fayette)  
N.R.&P. STORES / 1 KAYMOOR NO.9, W.VA. // (ORCO REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)  
CI C18mm Rd Co (book listing is for brass, several examples in copper are now known)

MARFRANCE, WV 1787 (Greenbrier Co.)  
MARGARETTE COAL CO. / GENERAL / MERCHANDISE / MARFRANCE / W.VA.  
//GOOD FOR / 1¢ /IN MERCHANDISE  
A1 A22mmScSd (8-scallops)

Exploder: (similar to Schenkman # U28 except there is an incuse "N<sup>o</sup> 11"  
SAFETY FIRST (incuse) / U S C O (cut-out) / N<sup>o</sup> 11 (incuse) (10mm hole at top between "SAFETY"  
"FIRST") Reverse is blank

**\*\*These New Finds were reported to your editor, Kevin Andersen**

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***On the Internet:***

Billy Campbell reports this interesting article, found on the Internet, entitled:  
"*Free Market Money in Coal Mining Communities*" by Richard H. Timberlake, and can be found  
by accessing this url:

<http://fee.org/freeman/free-market-money-in-coal-mining-communities/>

Do you have an interesting scrip-related website that you would like to share with our readers?  
Report them to your Editor for inclusion in future issues of Scrip Talk!





## **New Finds (continued)**

ACCOVILLE 7 G50 B 28 Rd Sd R-10  
ACUP 19 B50 NP 31 Rd Sd R-9  
AMHERSTDALE 81 O10 B 23 Rd Sd R-6  
ANJEAN 91 D1 A 21 Rd Sd LECKIE/SMOKELESS/COAL/CO. // Good For/5¢/with/bottle/When  
Returned R-8  
AUSTEN 131 B1 A 19 OcSd R-10  
BARRACKVILLE 161 B5 A 20 Rd Sd R-10  
B1000 A 38 Rd Sd R-10  
BARREN CREEK 163 A100 A 31 Rd Sd Good For/\$100/In/Merchandise R-10  
BEARDS FORK 177 A500 B 32 Rd Co  
BENBUSH 215 B1 NP 17 Rd Co R-7  
BENWOOD 228 A100 NP 35 Rd Sd R-10  
BLOCTON 305 THE JAS. R. SHANKLIN COAL CO.  
{missing insert} B? Bi 18OcSd Good For/In Merchandise  
CENTURY 521 E1 B 18 Rd Sd R-10  
CHELYAN 356 S. A. LEWIS/1  
A100 B 35 Rd Co ICS R-10 L  
COALWOOD 619 K5 B 20 Rd Co R-10  
M5 A 26 OcSd R-9  
DIXIE 802 A25 NP 24 Rd Sd  
A50 NP 30 Rd Sd  
EDWIGHT 881 D5 19 RdSdOrco Reg. U.S. Pat. R-7  
ELK GRADEN 897 D5c A 18 Rd Sd R-10  
D1 A 18 Rd Sd R-10  
ELK GARDEN 897 E1 A 20 Rd Sd R-10  
E5 B 20 OcSd R-10  
EUNICE 969 F1 C 18 Rd Sd Good For Scrip NEW SERIES R-10  
FARMINGTON 995 ADDC5b A 24 Rd Sd  
FARMINGTON 995 B10 N 24 Rd Sd GOOD FOR/10¢/IN MDSE. ONLY R-10  
GALLOWAY 1081 B100a Co---Sd SOLID FOUND  
GAGE 1075 (Barbour)  
MILLER SUPPLY COMPANY/GAGE,/W./VA.  
A1 NP 20OcSd Good For/(star)1(star)/In Merchandise  
HENRY 1300 A5 PS 29 Rd Sd R-10  
HIAWATHA 1315 F25b NP 24 Rd Co 2 STARS R-8  
HIGHCOAL 1319 A10 B 21 Rd Co w/reverse cut out  
HIGHCOAL 1319 H100b B 32 Rd Co (2 sta R-10  
HIORRA 1339 A10 A 24 Rd Sd R-10  
HOWESVILLE 1359 COFFMAN & FISHER NEW HEADER  
C1 A 16 Rd Sd R-10  
C10 A 21 Rd Sd R-10  
IVATON 1417 A10 NP 21 Rd Co  
JAVINS 1431 B25 B 24 Rd Sd R-10  
KINGWOOD 1527 D10 B 20 Rd Co R-10  
KINGWOOD 1527 D100 B 35 Rd Sd R-10  
KINGWOOD 1527 C25 A 28 Rd Sd R-10  
KINGMONT 1521 B1b N 18 Rd Co (2 stars) R-6  
LAREW 1569 A5 B 19 Rd Sd R-10  
LAWTON 1583 H10 B 21 Rd Co



LUMBERPORT 1695 F5 N 19 Rd Sd Pat Pend (6 diamonds)  
 F10 B 21 Rd Sd  
 LUMBERPORT 1695 F100 B 32 Rd Sd R-10  
 MAIDSVILLE 1747 A25 B 24 Rd Co R-10  
 MAIDSVILLE 1747 S1 A 23 Rd Co Patented R-9  
 McCOMAS 1837 G5 A 25 OcSd THOMAS COAL CO. //  
 BOTTLE/\*5¢\*/CHECK R-6  
 MEADOWBROOK 1865 A50 B 33 Rd Sd  
 A100 A 35 Rd Sd  
 MELROSE 1875 A5 A 19 Rd Sd R-10  
 MONONGAH 1943 B10 A 24 Rd Sd R-10  
 MT CLARE 1989 A50 A 33 Rd Sd R-10  
 MT. CLARE 1989 A1 KNOWN  
 A10 A 26 Rd Sd Good For/¢10¢/In Trade R-10  
 A25 A 29 Rd Sd R-10  
 A50 KNOWN  
 MOUNT GAY 1991 A1a N 18 Rd Co EDITOR ERROR CHANGING METAL FROM N TO AL  
 A1b A 18 Rd Co EXISTS  
 NELLIS 2043 B10 B 21 Rd Co Orco Reg. U.S. Pat.Off. R-9  
 NEWBERG 2050 A5 A 19 Rd Sd R-10  
 NOLAN 2079 NOLAN MERCANTILE CO./1¢/NOLAND W.VA.  
 B1 A 18 Rd Sd GOOD FOR/1¢/IN TRADE  
 OSAGE 2137 G25 B 24 Rd Co R-9  
 OSAGE 2137 E25 B 24 Rd Co  
 PENNOIS 2205 A5 A 19 Rd Sd R-10  
 PERRY 2207 A1 B 18 Rd Co R-10  
 A100 B 35 Rd Co R-10  
 PINE BLUFF 2225 A50 B 30 Rd Co R-10  
 PURSGLOVE 2313 D100 B 32 Rd Sd R-10  
 D10 B 21 Rd Sd R-10  
 QUEEN SHOALS 2323 A1 B 17 Rd CO---Sd SOLID FOUND  
 RAYMOND CITY 2361 C50 C 27 Rd SD (2 stars)  
 RED JACKET 2369 L5 B 19 Rd Co R-10  
 RIVESVILLE 2415 H1b N 18 Rd Sd R-5  
 SETH 2555 B50 Bi 30 Rd Sd R-10  
 SHINNSTON 2579 THE CONSOLIDATION COAL CO./Incorporated/SHINNSTON  
 L100 B 35 Rd Co ICS R-10 CC  
 SWISS 2735 ADD A1 NP 18 Rd Co ICS R-10  
 TIOGA 2795 B100 B 29 Rd Sd  
 TUNNELTON 2845 K1 A 18 OcSd R-10  
 TUNNELTON 2845 I25 B 26 Rd Sd R-10  
 VAYGHAN 2890 A10 A 24 Rd Sd R-10  
 WENDEL 2973 ADD B1c Z Rd Co R-9  
 WHEELING 2997 B5a (2diamonds) B5b (1dot)  
 B10a (when due) B10b (2 diamonds)  
 WHITESVILLE 3013 A1b A 19 RdSd GOOD FOR/1·¢/IN TRADE  
 WINONA 3069 F5b N 19 Rd Sd R-6  
 F5c NP 19 Rd Sd R-6

\*\*These New Finds were reported by New Finds Editor Billy Campbell



## NSCA METAL TOKENS

BILLY W. CAMPBELL

In a discussion with John Podgurski on the Gold NSCA token issued for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the National Scrip Collectors Association (1992) John mentioned that he had acquired one while he was president. What most collectors today do not know or may have forgotten is that NSCA has issued many valuable tokens some with precious metals. Below is the list of those precious metal tokens.

1992 Silver 50 minted	1995 Silver 50 minted	1997 Silver 25 minted
1992 Gold 10 minted	1995 Gold 4 minted	2012 Silver 25 minted

Now that you know about them and may have one or more in your collection, can you tell them from the Gold Plated or Nickel Silver NSCA tokens? Sure you can, besides being heavier, engraved on the rim you will see .999 Silver or 24K .999. Now check what you have, there is a market for not only those but the NSCA metal tokens themselves.

## NSCA METAL SHOW TOKENS

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- \*1977- 10th Anniversary NSCA Rd Brass W/B cutout 100 Benedict Coal Pipestem 1977
- 1979- Chattanooga, Tn. 9-22-1979 NSCA logo on paper stuck on quarter size alum disc
- \*1982- 10 TH. APR 30-1982-MAY 1, ANNIV.BECKLEY, W. VA. Cloisonné Full Colors
- \*1987- 15th Anniversary Elongated Cent Copper Oct. 3 & 4, 1987 Prestonsburg, Ky.
- \*----- 31mm Brass Old style logo on obverse, reverse blank

W. C. STUMP STARTS MEDALLION PROJECT FOR NSCA JAN. 1992  
METAL DEFINITION, NUMBERS MADE AND DATED TOKENS ARE NOT COMPLETE. LIST IS ONLY KNOWN TOKENS.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| *1992-20th Anniversary  | Rd. <b>Silver .9999</b> May 2 1992   | Cumberland, Ky.                      | 50 Made  |
| *1992- 20th Anniversary | Rd. Gold Plate May 2 1992            | Cumberland, Ky.                      | 50 Made  |
| *1992- 20th Anniversary | Rd. Antique Nickel Silver May 2 1992 | Cumberland, Ky.                      | 50 Made  |
| *1992- 20th Anniversary | Rd. Antique Copper May 2 1992        | Cumberland, Ky.                      | 50 Made  |
| *1992- 20th Anniversary | Rd. Nickel Silver May 2 1992         | Cumberland, Ky.                      | 50 Made  |
| *1992- 20th Anniversary | Rd. Antique Bronze May 2 1992        | Cumberland, Ky.                      | 200 Made |
| *1992- 20th Anniversary | Rd. <b>Gold .9999</b> MAY 2 1992     | Cumberland, Ky.                      | 10 Made  |
| *1992- FALL SHOW        | Rd. Antique Bronze                   | Huntington, WV Oct, 1992             |          |
| *1993- SPRING SHOW      | Rd. Antique Bronze                   | Pineville, Ky. April 30 - May 1 1993 | 20 Made  |
| *1993- SPECIAL MEETING  | Rd. Antique Nickel Silver            | Grayson, Ky. Dec. 4 1993             |          |
| *1993- SAMPLE           | Rd. Antique Copper NSCA logo         | Reverse blank June, 1994             |          |

NEW LOGO, CHANGED TO ADD "INC."

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| 1994- SPRING MEETING    | Rd. Brass      | Prestonsburg, Ky. May 6, 1994          |
| *1994- FALL MEETING     | Rd. Nickel     | Morgantown, WV. Sept. 30 - Oct. 1 1994 |
| *1994- FALL MEETING     | Rd. Copper     | Morgantown, WV. Sept. 30 - Oct, 1 1994 |
| *1995- SPRING MEETING   | Rd. Brass      | Marion, IL. May 5-6, 1995              |
| *1995- SPRING MEETING   | Rd. Copper     | Marion, IL. May 5-6, 1995              |
| *1995- FALL MEETING     | Rd. Brass      | Bluefield, WV. Oct. 7 1995             |
| 1995- FALL MEETING      | Rd. ?          | Bluefield, WV. 1 of 4 Oct. 7 1995      |
| 1995- FALL MEETING      | Rd. ?          | Bluefield WV. 2 of 4 Oct. 7 1995       |
| *1995- FALL MEETING     | Rd. Gold Plate | Bluefield, WV. 3 of 4 Oct. 7 1995      |
| *1995- FALL MEETING     | Rd. Brass      | Bluefield WV. 4 of 4 Oct. 7 1995       |
| *1995- REGIONAL MEETING | Rd. Nickel     | Harlan November 18, 1995               |

1995- MASTER METAL SCRIP 1000 Rd. <b>Gold .9999</b>	4 Made
1995- MASTER METAL SCRIP 1000 Rd. <b>Silver .9999</b>	50 Made
*1995- MASTER METAL SCRIP 1000 Rd. Copper pat. pend.	50 Made
*1995- MASTER METAL SCRIP 1000 Rd. GoldPlate pat. pend.	50 Made
*1995- MASTER METAL SCRIP 1000 Rd. Brass pat. pend.	50 Made
*1995- MASTER METAL SCRIP 1000 Rd. Nickel Silver pat. pend.	50 Made
*1995- NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Rd. BRASS 1¢ ISC DES. PAT.	
*1995- NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Rd. BRASS 5¢ ISC DES. PAT.	
*1995- NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Rd. BRASS 10¢ ISC DES. PAT.	
*1995- NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Rd. BRASS 25¢ ISC DES. PAT.	
*1995- NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Rd. BRASS 50¢ ISC DES. PAT.	
*1995- NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Rd. BRASS \$100 ISC DES PAT.	
*1995- NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION Rd. BRASS \$500 ISC DES PAT.	
1996- SPRING MEETING Rd. Nickel Pikeville, Ky. 3 OF 6 regular lettering April 27, 1996	
1996- SPRING MEETING Rd. Antique Brass Pikeville, Ky. April 27, 1996	
1996- SPRING MEETING Rd. Copper Pikeville, Ky. 3 OF 6 regular lettering April 27, 1996	
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*1996- SPRING MEETING Rd. Brass Pikeville, Ky. 3 OF 6 small lettering April 27, 1996	
*1996- SPRING MEETING Rd. Brass Pikeville Ky. 3 OF 6 regular lettering April 27, 1996	
*1996- FALL MEETING Rd. Brass Bluefield, WV. October 5 1996	
*1996- FALL MEETING Rd. Antique Copper Bluefield, WV. Oct. 5 1996	<b>old logo</b>
1997- 25th Anniversary Rd. <b>Silver .9999</b> May 3 1997 Cumberland Gap, Tn. 25 made	
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1997- 25th Anniversary Rd. Antique Nickel Silver May 3 1997 Cumberland Gap, Tn. 25 made	
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1997- 25th Anniversary Rd. Antique Brass May 3 1997 Cumberland Gap, Tn. 25 made	
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*1997- FALL MEETING Rd. Gold Plate Bluefield, WV. Oct. 4 1997	
*1997- FALL MEETING Rd. Antique Nickel Silver Bluefield, WV.Oct. 4 1997	<b>old logo</b>
*1997- FALL MEETING Rd. Antique Brass Bluefield, WV. Oct. 4 1997	<b>old logo</b>
*1998- SPRING MEETING Rd. Antique Nickel Silver Dunmor, Ky.May 2, 1998	<b>old logo</b>
*1998- SPRING MEETING Rd. Antique Copper Dunmor, Ky. May, 2 1998	<b>old logo</b>



1998- SPRING MEETING Rd. Bronze Dunmor, Ky. May 2, 1998

1998- REGIONAL MEETING Rd. Brass Harlan, Ky. July 18, 1998

1998- FALL MEETING Rd. Bronze Huntington, W. VA. Oct. 3, 1998

1998- FALL MEETING Rd. Nickel Huntington, W. VA. Oct. 3, 1998

1999- SPRING MEETING Rd. Nickel Pikeville, Ky. Apr. 24, 1999

1999- SPRING MEETING Rd. Bronze Pikeville, Ky. Apr. 24, 1999

1999- FALL MEETING Rd. Bronze Williamson, W. VA. Oct. 2, 1999

2000- SPRING MEETING Rd. Brass Bluefield, W. VA. Apr. 29, 2000

\*2000- FALL MEETING Rd. Gold Plate Pikeville, Ky. Oct. 7, 2000

#### BILLY W. CAMPBELL RESTARTS NSCA METAL TOKENS.

*2012- 40th Anniversary Rd. Antique Copper Pineville, KY. Oct. 5 & 6, 2012	25 Made
*2012- 40th Anniversary Rd. Antique Brass Pineville, KY. Oct. 5 & 6, 2012	25 Made
*2012- 40th Anniversary Rd. Antique Bronze Pineville, KY. Oct. 5 & 6, 2012	25 Made
*2012- 40th Anniversary Rd. Antique Nickel Silver Pineville, KY. Oct. 5 & 6, 2012	25 Made
*2012- 40th Anniversary Rd. Antique Gold Plate Pineville, KY. Oct. 5 & 6, 2012	25 Made
*2012- 40th Anniversary Rd. Proof Like <b>.999 Silver</b> , Pineville, KY. Oct. 5 & 6, 2012	25 Made
*2013- FALL MEETING Rd. Nickel Silver Charleston, WV. Nov. 2, 2013	11 Made
*2014- SPRING MEETING Rd. Copper Pikeville, Ky. April 19, 2014 <b>error date</b>	10 Made
*2014- SPRING MEETING Rd. Copper Pikeville, Ky. April 26, 2014	10 Made
*2014- FALL MEETING Rd. Nickel Silver Charleston, WV. Nov. 1, 2014	10 Made
*2015- SPRING MEETING Rd. Copper Pikeville, Ky. April 24-25, 2015	10 Made

#### PRESIDENTS MEDALS

\*Walter E. Caldwell, Brass 1972-1976

\*R. R. Tippy, Bright Brass 1976-1977

\*John Fliss, Copper 1977-1981

\*W. E. Williams Brass 1961-1983

\*Tom Hitt Copper 1983-1986

\*Crawford H. Blakeman Bright Brass 1986-1989

\*Harold Snodgress Antique Silver 1989-1991

\*D. Mark Ballard Copper 1992-1993

\*John J. Podgurski Antique Silver 1993



## *Fordson Coal Co*

(Lincoln Bust Dollar)

Should it be Attributed to West Virginia,  
Kentucky, or Both?

By Kevin Andersen



Recently, while working on a previously published article on Nuttallburg, West Virginia, I began thinking about a scrip rarity that had been previously attributed to being used at Nuttallburg, WV as well as Banner Fork, KY: the famous “Lincoln bust” dollar. Something was troubling me about this token and the Nuttallburg connection, so I purposely avoided including in the “Nuttallburg” article until I had a chance to do some research. I don’t know how many survive in collector’s hands today, but I currently estimate at least three examples. This token stands out and apart from all other scrip in that it has fashioned upon its obverse a likeness of Abraham Lincoln of such quality and detail as to rival that which is found on our United States’ pennies. Adding to its collectability, it is a cross-collectible of exceptional rarity. Scrip, picture scrip, Lincolniana and Ford Motor Co. collectors all are potential collector groups. The question is, however, whether this token was used in West Virginia and Kentucky, or solely Kentucky?

The Lincoln bust dollar was minted by the Osborne Register Company and bears the reverse die of “Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.” and therein lies the problem. According to our current understanding of the dates of usage of certain reverse dies for tokens, we find that ORCO-2 (Reg. U.S. PAT. OFF.) was used between 1930 and 1938. This is supported by an extract from Stuart Brown’s book, “SCRIP”, regarding a discussion about counterfeits and thefts, reproduced below (with minor typographical errors corrected):

“SPEAKING OF SCRIP, By Robert W. “Bob” Craig  
FORDSON COAL CO.

When I started collecting in 1968, someone told me that the \$5 pieces for the Fordson Coal Co. had been counterfeited. At the time, I knew that there were two different dollar pieces, but only one \$5 piece.

I later learned that all of the \$1.00 & \$5.00 pieces were taken in around 1933 and a new dollar coin made its appearance. There were no \$5 tokens for the coal company thereafter. The new \$1.00 piece has the Lincoln bust on the obverse, as we look at it. Of the 13,000 dollars struck by Orco, only two are known to be in collector’s hands today. The writer has one and Col. Caldwell has the other.” [ “SCRIP” page 133, (1978) by Stuart Brown]

History tells us that Henry Ford sold his interests in the Nuttallburg mine in 1928 to the Maryland New River Coal Company. This sale and purchase was reported in several journals of the day, including *Coal Age* (Vol. 33, Page 506, 1928): “The Maryland New River Coal Co. has bought the mine and equipment of the Fordson Coal Co., at Nuttallburg, Fayette County, W.Va.” as well as a similar announcement in the *Coal and Coal Trade Journal* (Vol. 59, Page 564, 1928).

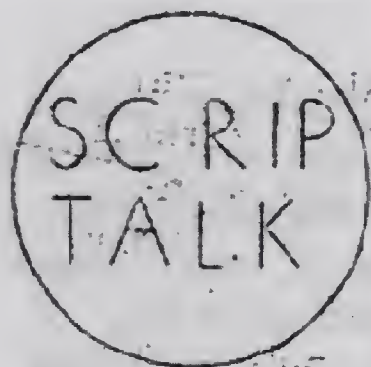
It now becomes clear, in my opinion, that because the Lincoln bust dollar didn’t make its appearance until sometime during or after 1930 (according to the Scrip Ident Chart) or as Craig reported (“around 1933”), and because Ford sold his Nuttallburg mine interests in 1928, the Lincoln bust dollar could not have been used at Nuttallburg. This most fascinating piece therefore must have been used solely in Kentucky! Let me hear from you if you have any other information or thoughts on this subject!



# SCRIP TALK

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -- A Look Back!


"Scrip Talk", a newsletter/bulletin published to promote the collecting of coal company scrip, was the brainchild of Walter Caldwell of Fayetteville, West Virginia. The first issue was published in December, 1965 and continued every month or so until it was suspended on August 15, 1966 due to a "general lack of interest". To fill the gap left by suspension of Scrip Talk, a new newsletter entered the scene: "The Company Store", edited by Cole S. Cuttle (Fred Lange). It was published beginning November, 1966 through April 10, 1968.



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Walter resumed publication of Scrip Talk with Volume 2 – Number 2 in October, 1970 and he continuously published it as its "Editor and Janitor" until he gave up the position with the Volume 21 – Number 67 in May, 1994. At that time he undertook another publication wherein he continued to pursue promoting the hobby as well as liquidating his collection of over 14,000 tokens. His new endeavor was called "Token Talk".

Originally, Scrip Talk was solely the endeavor of Walter Caldwell and was, as in his bulletin's masthead stated "Published to (A) promote the collection of Coal Company Scrip; (B) cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip; (C) provide a 'clearing-house' for information on scrip tokens; (D) provide a source where collectors can list items for sale and/or trade; and (E) to encourage the study of scrip."



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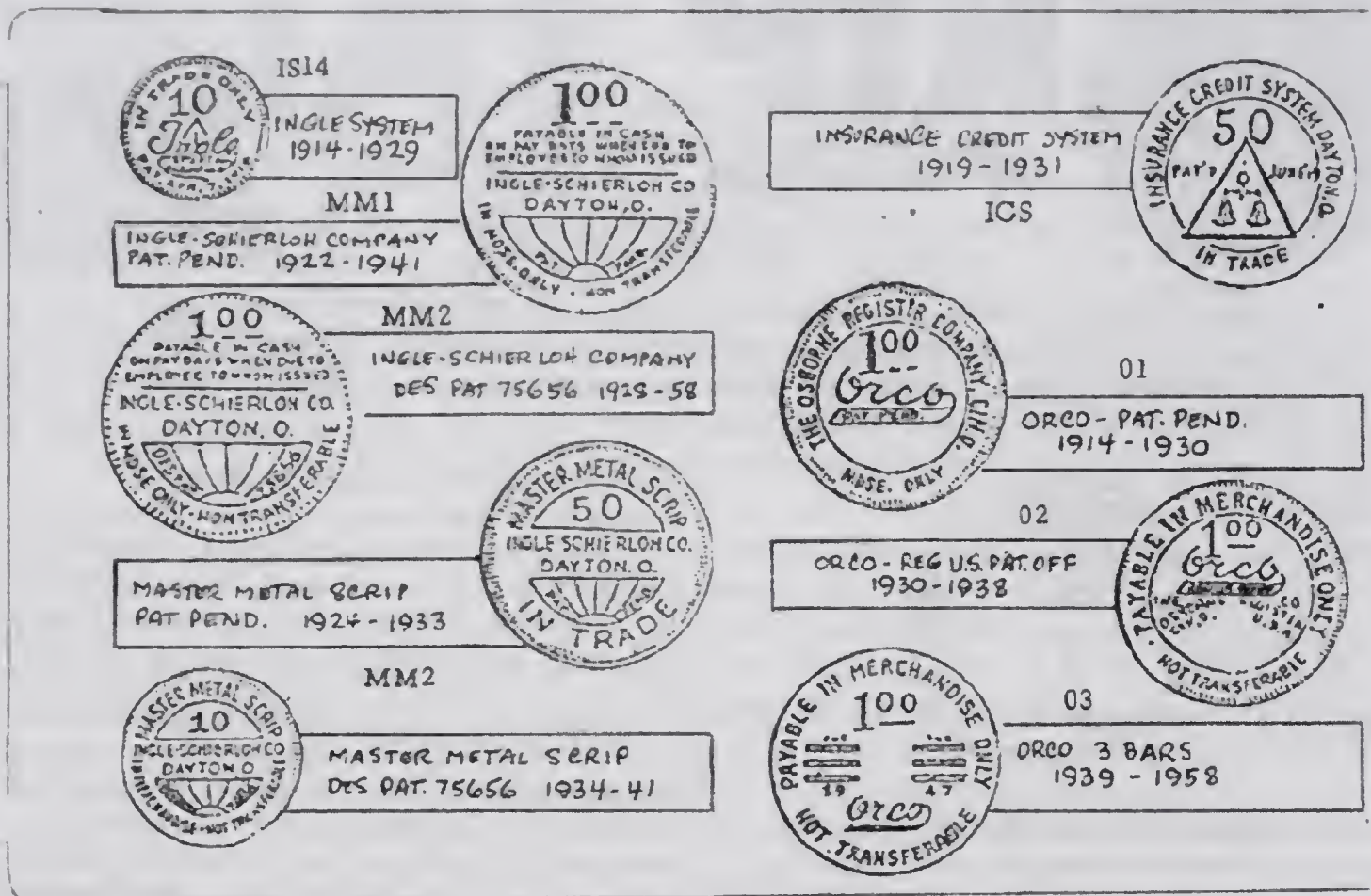


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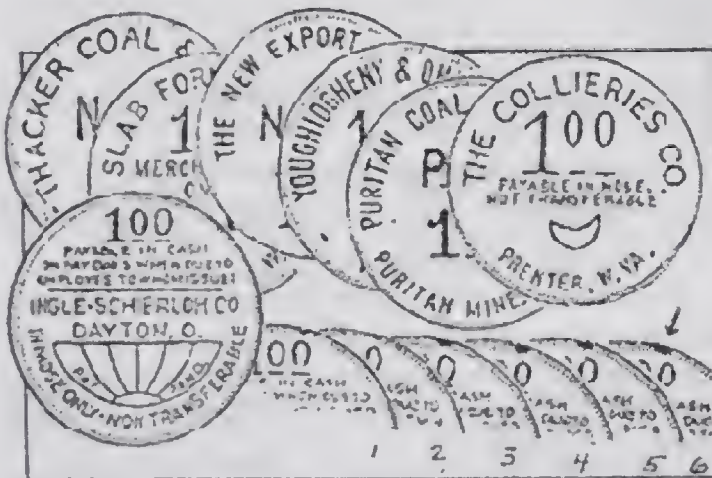
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With the publication of Volume 2 – Number 7 (August, 1971) Scrip Talk became the "Official Publication of NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCRIP COLLECTORS". Then, with Volume 2 – Number 9 (November, 1971) we find it became the "Official Publication of: NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION".





Many changes occurred with Scrip Talk, which acted as a barometer of the every growing hobby of token collecting. As the hobby grew, so too did the study of tokens. Although not yet so named, a scrip ident chart created by Gordon Dodrill made its debut with the December, 1970 issue.



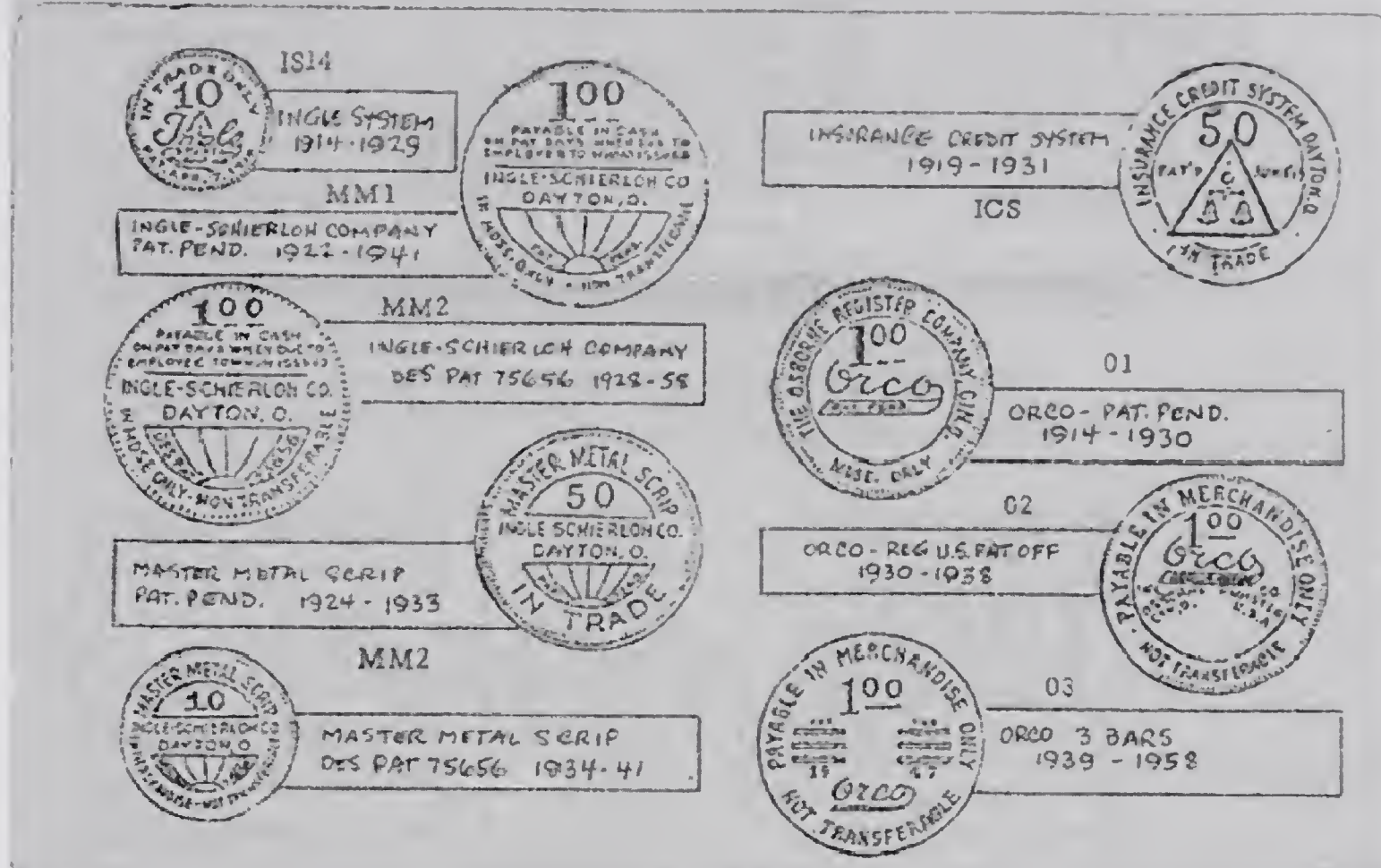
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1-THACKER COAL & COKE CO.	1914	1930
2-SLAB FORK COAL CO.	1930	1934
3-NEW EXPORT COAL CO.	1920	1930*
4-YOUGHIOGHENY & OHIO COAL CO.	1931	1953
5-PURITAN COAL CORP.	1931	1939
6-THE COLLIERIES CO.	*1931	1932

For the advanced collector of coal scrip, SCRIP TALK is proud to present this special page, courtesy of Gordon Dodrill. At the top, his page, dates when the various types were issued. As Gordon noted, "here's a good chance to find out what others think of when these tokens were made by type. This may stir up some dust and maybe we can all learn something from it."

To the left, a die break study. The same die break occurs on every one of the tokens shown. This proves that the same die with the break on reverse above the last "0" in 1.00 was used for 1929-1930 and 1931 tokens, and all the tokens were struck within these years. Gordon notes that break also appears on the Elkhorn Piney Coal Mining token (not shown). Elkhorn sold out to Koppers Coal Co. in 1929.



# SCRIPTORS PRIMER



Perhaps for the first time a published chart attempted to chronicle different token manufacturers and gave approximate dates of existence. It was published in Scrip Talk from time to time and became known as the "Scriptors Primer". Here's how it looked in the May, 1973 issue of Scrip Talk.

Less than a year later a modified "new and improved" version (*see next page*) entered the scene with the Volume 3 - Number 23 (January, 1974) issue and became known as the "Scrip Talk Official NSCA Scripident Chart" and has been published many times since then in issues of Scrip Talk.

## Scrip Talk Editors

Walter Caldwell 1965 -1994  
 William C. Stump 1994 – 2000  
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 Kevin P. Andersen 2014 - present





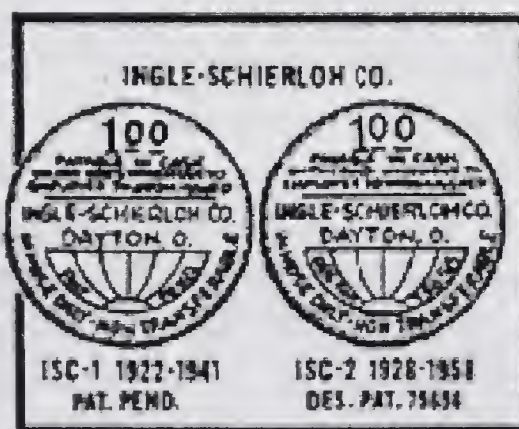
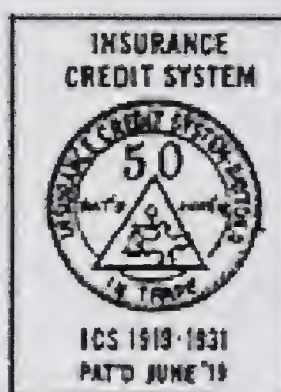
# SCRIP TALK

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## OFFICIAL NSCA SCRIPIDENT CHART

Following many requests for a cool scrip identification chart that all members can use in listing their tokens, the NSCA adopted the following code system at the Fall 1973 meeting. These codes should be used in mail auction lists, correspondence between scriptors, etc. for positive identification. Our special thanks to Scriptor Gordon Dadrill for the fine art work.

Abbreviations to be used are as follows: Qrs. - Quints Mint \* ICS - Insurance Credit System \* ISO9 and ISO4 - Ingle System \* ISC1 and ISC2 - Ingle Schierloh Co. \* MM1 and MM2 - Master Metal Scrip - Ingle Schierloh Co. \* O1 - O2 - O3 and O4 - The Osborne Register Co.





Walter served as editor (and janitor) through 1994, a total of 29 years! In 1994 Walter "retired" as editor and started a new publication, called "Token Talk" and used it not only as a means to share stories about tokens, but also as a means to sell his collection of over 14,000 tokens. Several others have served as Editor of Scrip Talk over the years. If my research is correct there were only six different editors since the birth of Scrip Talk! Publishing a bulletin such as this is quite a bit of work, but with computers and scanners the job is much easier than the Scrip Talk of yesteryear. I am still amazed when I recall how the club was several times larger than it is today and how all the token images had to be made from pencil rubbings, cleaned-up with white-out, masters created for the old hand-cranked mimeograph machines, each issue folded upwards of three times to get the copies to fit into a legal size envelope and proper postage applied (too, these were not the self-adhesive stamps we are now accustomed!

Another interesting fact about Scrip Talk was its ever-changing appearance. The following pages show just a sampling of the changing face of Scrip Talk throughout its publication.

# The Changing Face of Scrip Talk Over the Years



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**RESPONSE TO FIRST ISSUE:** Many letters and comments have been received and this information will be used in this and future issues. The suggestion that 8 1/2 x 11 paper be used so that the material can be filed for future use will be used. Thanks for your response to the initial bulletin!

**SCRIP IDENTIFICATION:** So that different items can be identified in this and future bulletins, the following issuing company names will be used -- "Orco" for Osborne-Register Company, Cincinnati -- "Ingle" for Ingle-Schierloh Co., Dayton, Ohio -- and "Ina." for Insurance Credit System, Dayton, Ohio. These three companies manufactured the majority of the items in circulation.

**COMPANIES STILL CIRCULATING SCRIP:** The following firms still have scrip in general circulation that I know of: Winding Gulf Coals, Inc., Winding Gulf, W. Va. - Boone Supply Co., Prenter, W. Va. - Oglebay-Norton Co., Kayford, W. Va. - Riverton Coal and Coke, Crown Hill, W. Va. - Ashland Coal & Coke, (?) - Langraff General Stores (?) - and The New River Company (Mount Hope, Skelton and Scarbro stores). If you know of others in any state, please let me know so that it can be included in the next listing.

**TOKEN LISTS AVAILABLE:** Listings of coal company scrip tokens have been noted in publication lists by: John Hook, 307 Edgewood Ave., Clearwater, Florida 33515 and by: W. E. Johnson, 515 Carriage Hill Ct., Santa Barbara, California 93105. Let me know of any others that come to your attention!

**HOW TO FILE SCRIP:** Several questions have been received about filing and mounting scrip collections. There are, of course, many ideas on this and I would like to have your suggestions. Many collectors that I know use the 2 x 2 cardboard mounts, and type or write the company name on the face of the holder. These are then mounted in the plastic pages (8 1/2 x 11 - 20 sections) and filed in alphabetical order. Most collectors keep a handy list or reference sheet available so that they can keep up with the items needed to complete additional sets. One collector recommends "Twinkle" brand copper cleaner for removing dirt from his items. This gives a good finish or shine to the scrip and does no harm to the pieces that I know of. Another makes use of common soda and a toothbrush to clean and polish his better items.

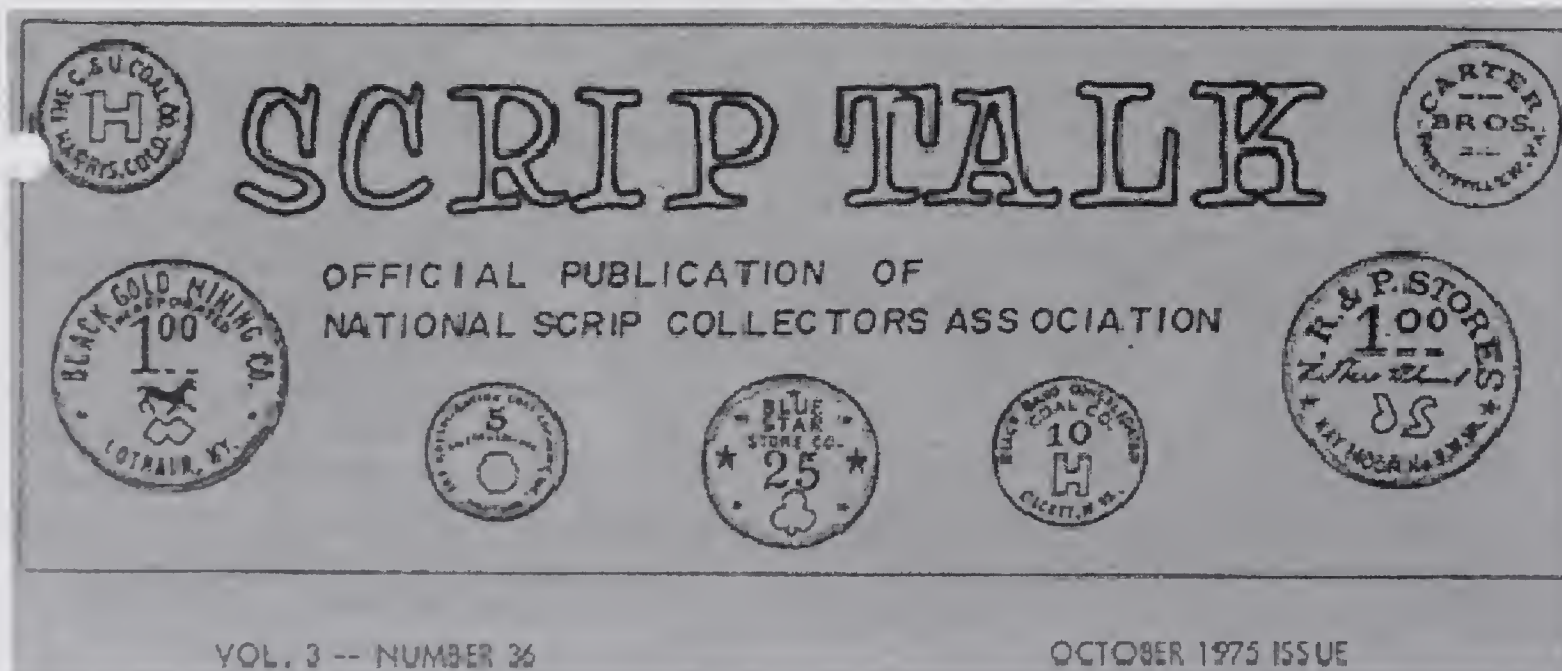
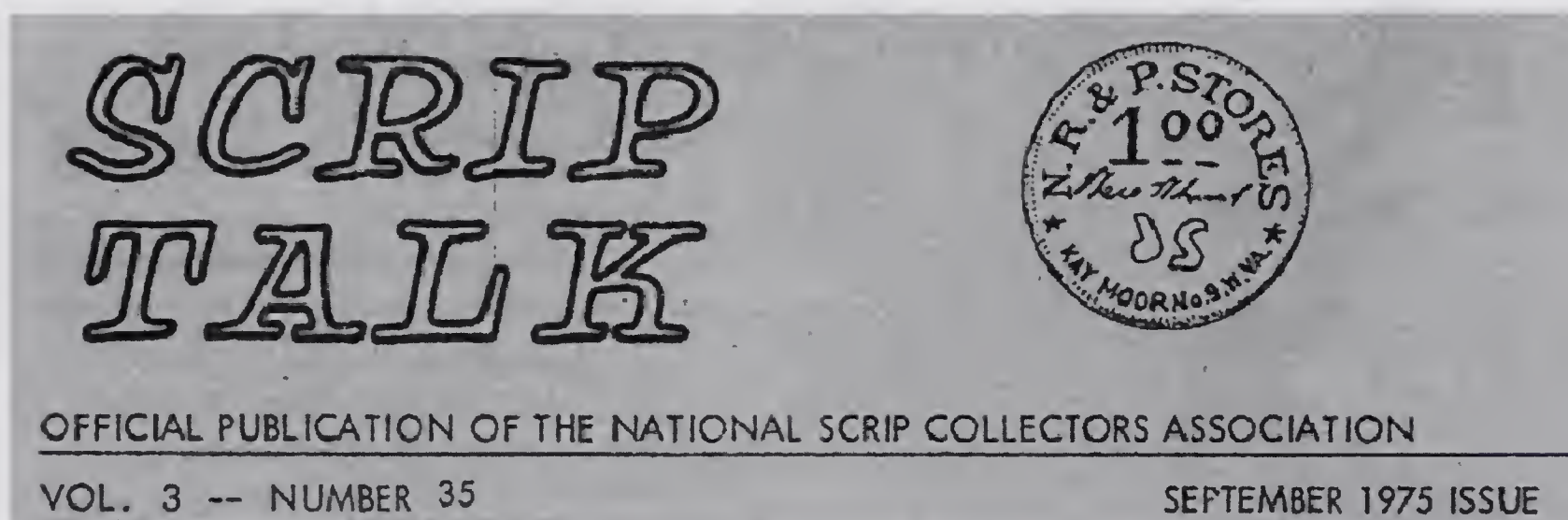
To the left is the front page of Issue Number Two and we can only speculate as to how Number One might have appeared. The first page of Number One is missing from the archives, and was missing during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Does anyone out there have a copy of Number One?



Complete Run of Scrip Talks from the Golden Age of Scrip Collecting on DVD (view and/or print from your computer!)

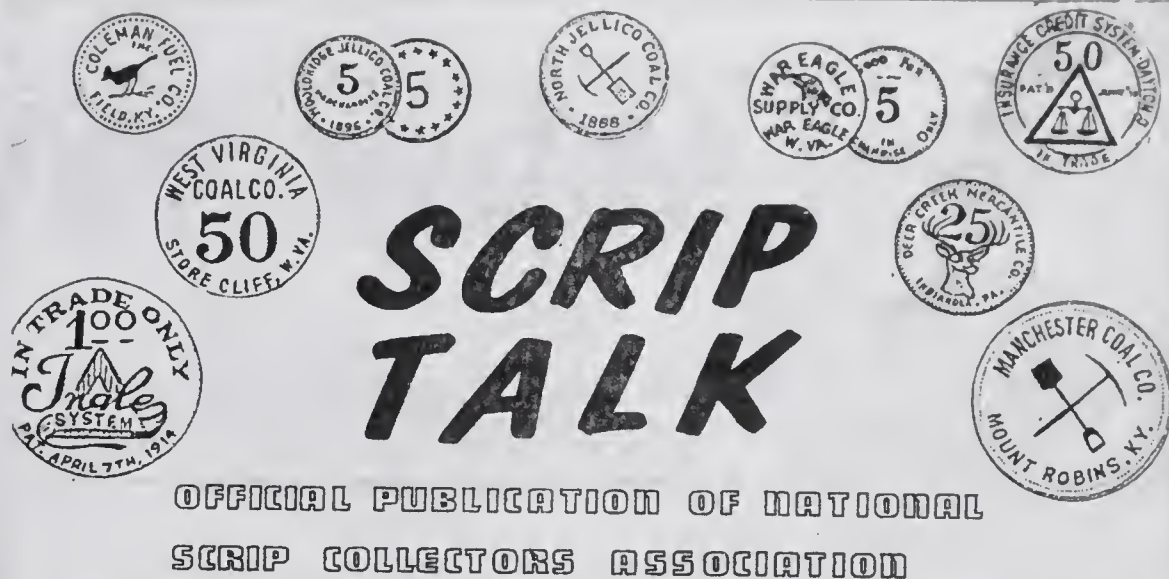
If you would like a DVD containing complete scans of all Scrip Talks from its beginning in 1965 through 1994 (176 Issues) plus Cole S. Cuttle's "Company Store" complete run, as well as an index of all the articles, send \$25 to:  
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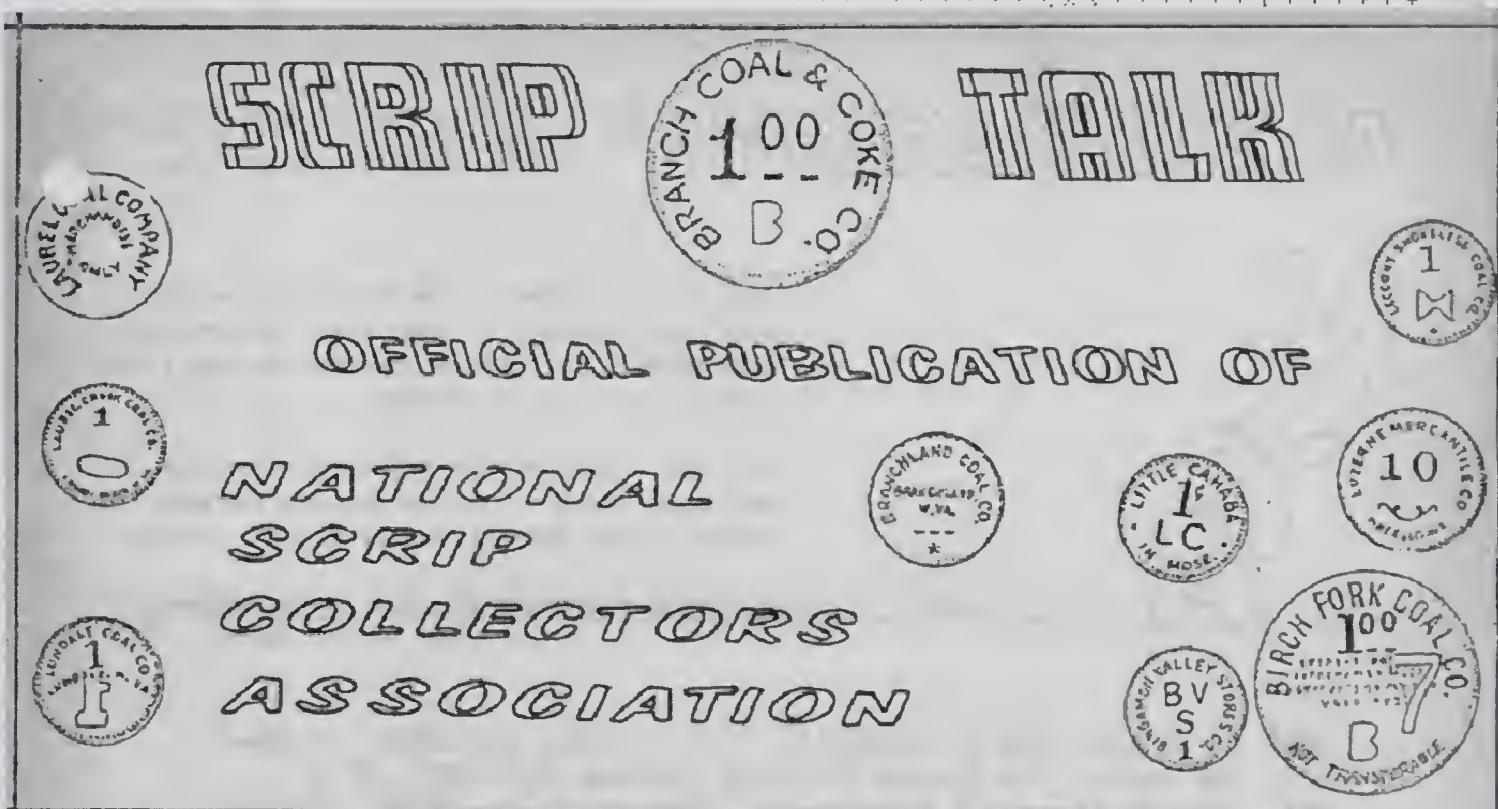


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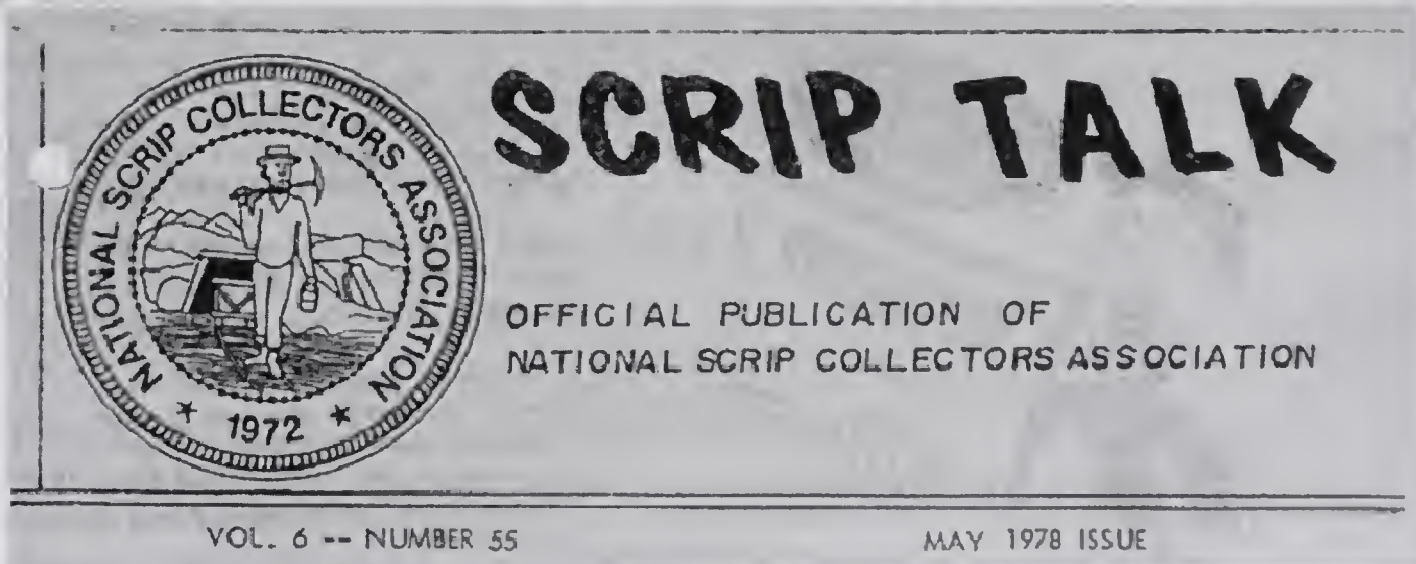
A collage of various scrip stamps and the title "SCRIP TALK". The stamps include: Coleman Fuel Co. (100), North Jellico Coal Co. (5), West Virginia Coal Co. (50), War Eagle Supply Co. (5), Insurance Credit System (50), Deer Creek Mercantile Co. (25), and Manchester Coal Co. (100). The title "SCRIP TALK" is in large, bold, stylized letters. Below it, the text "OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION" is printed.

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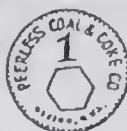
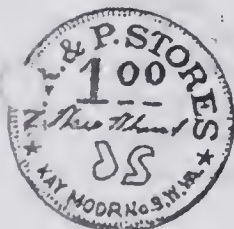
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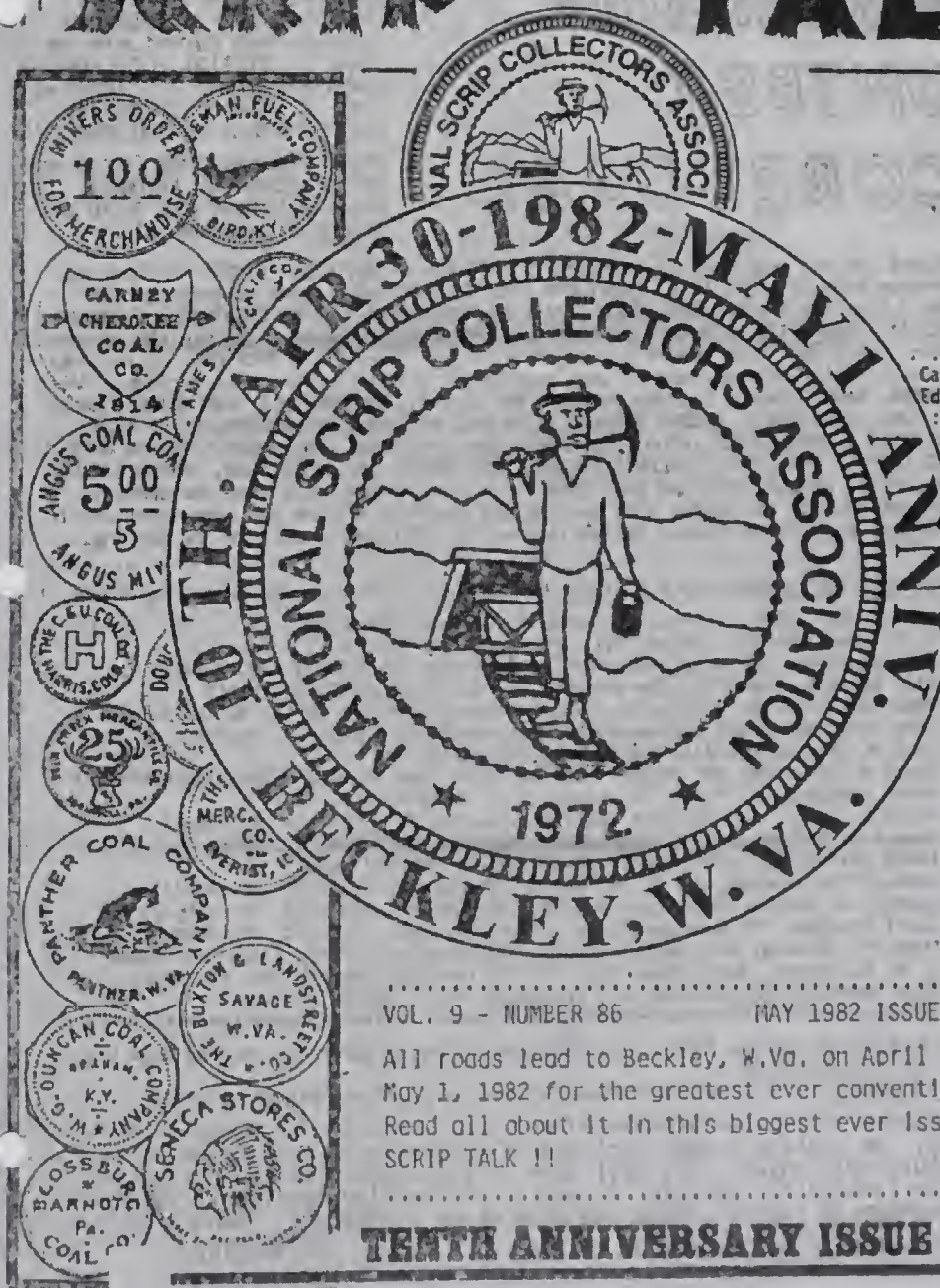


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Note that Walter Caldwell, referred to himself as not only "Editor", but also as "Publisher, Typist and Janitor"! I think that pretty much sums-up the duties of an editor!



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All roads lead to Beckley, W.Va. on April 30 - May 1, 1982 for the greatest ever convention !! Read all about it in this biggest ever Issue of SCRIP TALK !!

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of Scrip Talk over the years:*

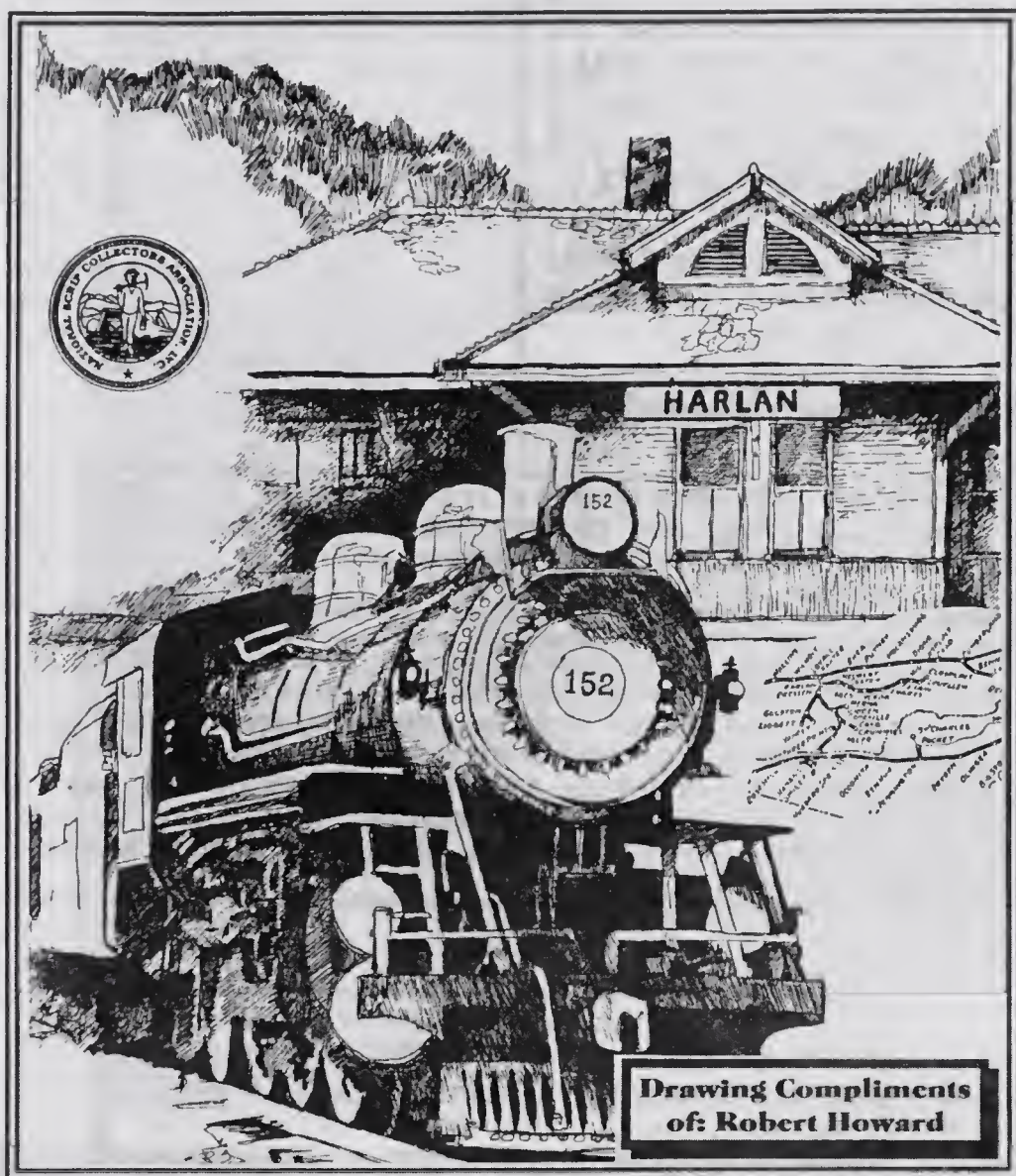


Robert Howard contributed quite a few fabulous drawings for Scrip Talk covers. The one at left appeared on the cover of Vol. 25 No. 91, April 1998 and depicts a coal miner sitting in front of a trademark Beech-Nut Chewing Tobacco sign.

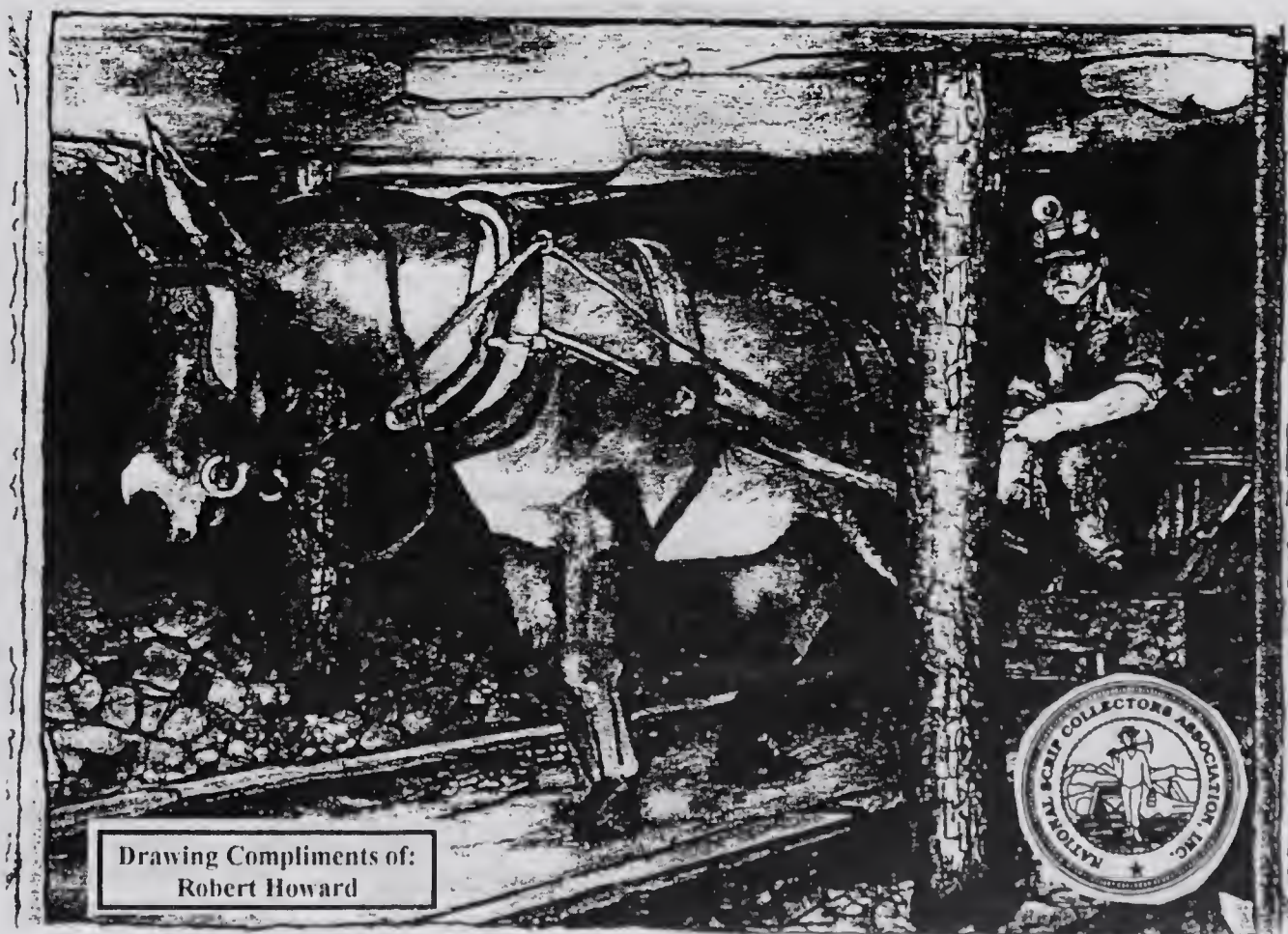
Another of Robert Howard's drawings (depicted at right) appeared on the cover of Vol. 25 No. 90, February 1998 and depicts a two coal miners down for their lunch break. Note the miner on the left is wearing a low vein cap while the one on the right is wearing a turtle shell cap. Both are using carbide lamps.



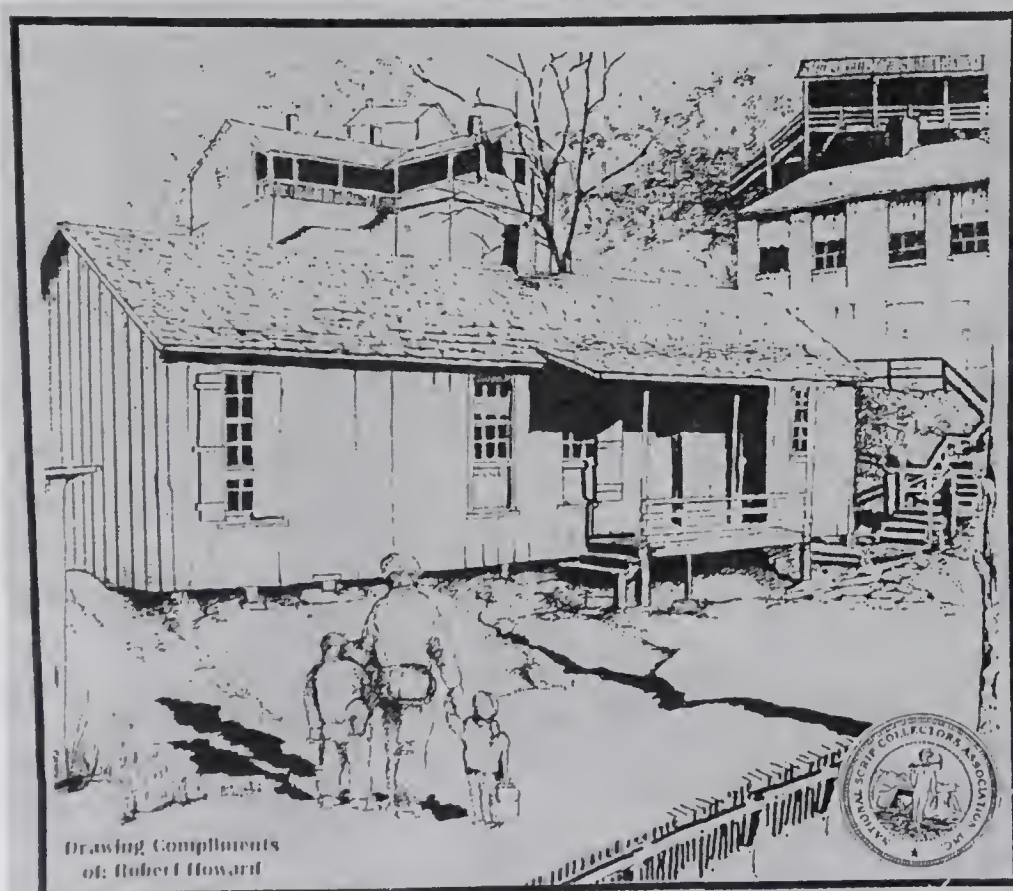
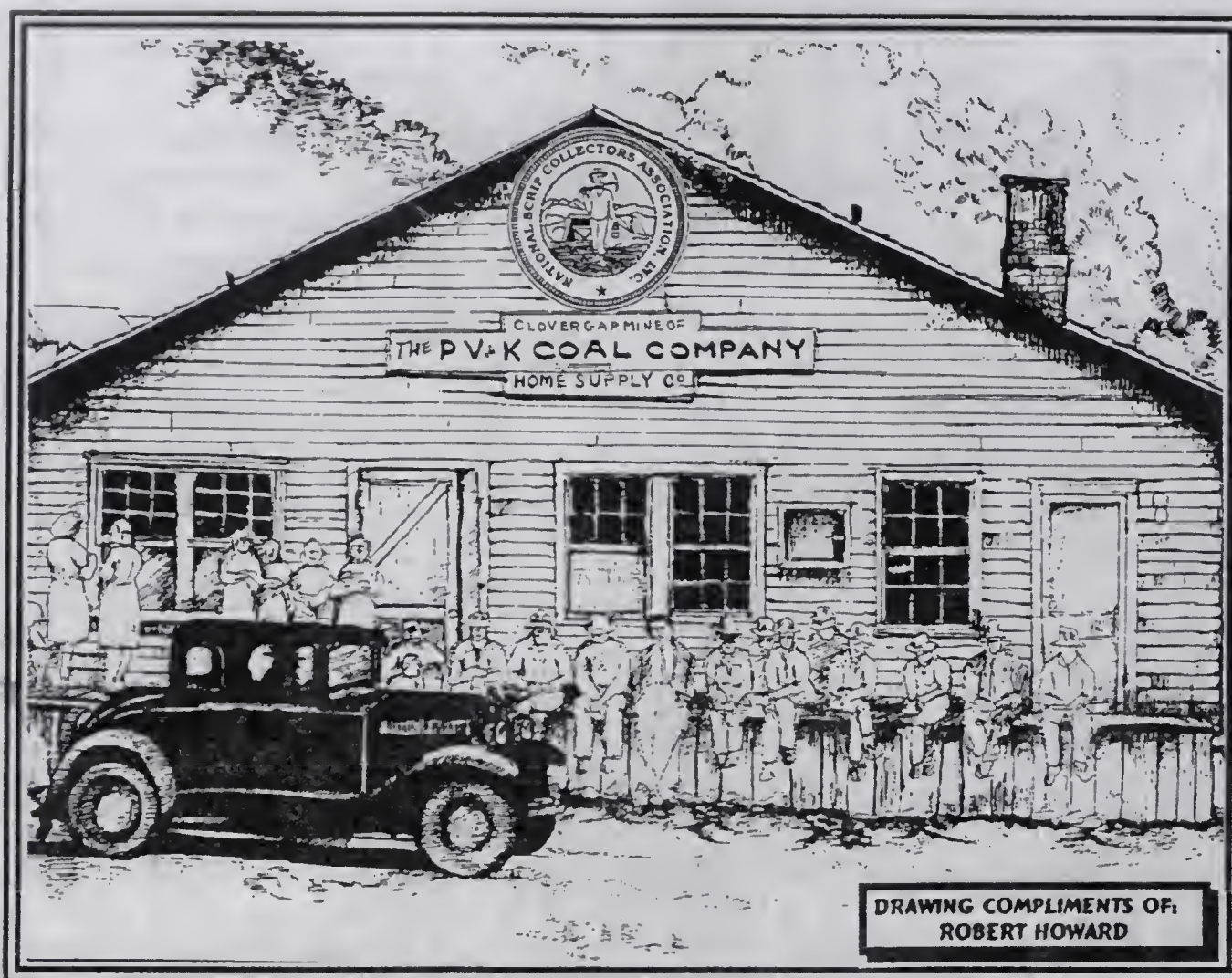




Another of Robert Howard's drawings made its appearance in April, 1996 with Vol. 23 No. 80, and depicted Engine 152 at the Harlan, Kentucky station (left), and with the August, 1998 Scrip Talk, Vol. 25 No. 93, he sketched a mule driver showing how coal was hauled out of the mines (below) back in the tough days of coal mining!







Coal mining life revolved as much around the company store and company housing as it did with the mine itself. Vol. 23 No. 79, February 1996 issue (above) shows miners and their families on the porch of the P.V. & K company store. A common scene of company housing was depicted in December, 1994 with the Vol. 1, No. 5 issue of Scrip Talk. Both sketches were drawn by Robert Howard.





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Ron Flanery sketched  
several engines at a  
coaling tower in this  
Vol. 26, No. 96,  
January 1999 issue of  
Scrip Talk (above).

For its Millennium  
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cover depicted this  
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